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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

The amendment filed on 8/8/02, amending the claims in a manner whereby only claims drawn to a non-elected species are presented, is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected species because the independent claims 1, 13, and 20 have been amended to include the limitation “a polarization rotation element in the beam path from the collimating element to the diffraction grating”. Independent claim 32 contains the limitation “reflecting light from the diffraction grating by a mirror back to the diffraction grating”. The elected species, as shown in Figure 7, does not illustrate these limitations. Applicant’s comments regarding Figure 2 have been carefully noted. However, Applicant clearly elected the embodiment shown in Figure 7 in the response to the restriction requirement filed September 9, 2002. Therefore, whether or not the embodiment shown in Figure 2 should have been identified as a separate species, is not an issue at this point in the prosecution.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew C. Landau whose telephone number is (703) 305-4396.

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